

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee February 17, 2012

Chair Jean Tortomasi called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Jean Tortomasi (Chair), Steve Wimmer, Paul Decker, Dave Falstad, Kathleen Cummings, Peter Wolff. **Absent:** Supervisor Bill Zaborowski.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Deputy Inspector Eric Severson, Sheriff Dan Trawicki, Senior Correctional Facility Manager Meg Schnabl, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, WCTC Associate Dean of Basic Education Bethany O'Day.

Approve Minutes of December 9, 2011

MOTION: Falstad moved, second by Wolff, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2011.
Motion carried 4-0.

Cummings and Decker arrived at 8:32 a.m.

Executive Committee Report of December 12, 2011

Spaeth reviewed the agenda items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of December 12, 2011, which included the following:

- Waukesha County Treasurer's Office Internal Audit
- Report on the Milwaukee 7
- Update on IT projects – CAD system is slated to go-live in April
- Approval of several appointments
- Discussion of ideas for the 2012 WCA conference

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

- Tortomasi reported that recent courthouse security incidents were discussed at the Security and Facilities Committee meeting on January 30th.
- Cummings reported on the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting of December 14, 2011. Topics discussed included chemical reports, the city mass readiness event on April 17, and security plans. The Committee recognized Chief LaConte on his upcoming retirement. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2012.

Future Meeting Date

- March 16, 2012 (Tortomasi will be absent)

Reconsider Minutes of November 22, 2011

MOTION: Wimmer moved, second by Cummings, to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Overview of the Jail Adult Basic Education (ABE/GED) Program

O'Day introduced herself as the new Associate Dean of Basic Education at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC), replacing Barbara Nordberg who retired. She distributed and reviewed a handout titled "Basic Education Program – Waukesha County Jail, 2011-2012", which included an overview of the program; educational goals; current services; new services; hours of service per week; employability,

student success and transition services; high school credentialing outcomes; completion of postsecondary education; demographics and funding.

From July 1, 2011 through February 2012, the program has served 128 participants. New services offered this year include instruction in English as a second language (ESL) and GED in Spanish courses. During the past year, 47 students have completed at least one GED test, and 8 have completed a high school credential. Since summer 2010, 17 students have completed a postsecondary program at WCTC following their release from the jail. Currently the cost of the ABE Program is shared between the County and WCTC. A new funding possibility for 2012-2013 is a grant through the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA). A grant application was submitted in early February 2012. The award notification is expected in early April 2012.

Falstad asked about any impediments in realizing the potential of the program, i.e., anything that could be done to improve the performance. O'Day stated the program is limited by funding (staffing, teachers, etc.). Giese added that this is the longest running program in the jail; it is a small dollar amount in terms of having a positive impact. The program helps reduce boredom that is prevalent in a jail setting by involving inmates in positive activities. A recognition ceremony is held in May of each year to acknowledge the accomplishments of the program participants and it has proven to be a meaningful event for most everyone involved. As for statistics, i.e. the actual "return on investment", it is hard to measure the positive impact the program has on jail operations.

Decker stated he is aware of analytics being developed which imply that the higher the reading and math skills, the better the recidivism rate. Tortomasi asked O'Day whether there are any statistics on the recidivism rate for those participants who have completed a program. O'Day replied that statistic that is not tracked internally. Giese stated that the reason is, in part, that no one has ever truly defined what recidivism means. Does it mean being back in our own system, being locked-up in another state, locked up for a repeat offense? CCAP does not maintain a court record databases for other states or jurisdictions.

Tortomasi thanked O'Day for her informative presentation.

Ordinance 166-O-093: Amend Sheriff's Department 2012 Budget Expenditure Of Office Of National Drug Control Policy Cooperative Agreement Funds

Johnson and Severson were present to discuss this ordinance which appropriates \$7,928 in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) cooperative agreement funds into the Sheriff's 2012 budget. The Sheriff's Department was awarded approximately \$11,848 in 2011 for HIDTA related activities, of which only \$3,920 was appropriated in the 2012 budget process. The funds would be spent on overtime and vehicle lease for the detective who works on the HIDTA taskforce and presentation, surveillance and recording equipment for the Metro Drug Unit.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 166-O-093. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 166-O-094: Appropriate Donated Funds For Motorcycle Unit And From Auction Proceeds To Purchase A New Motorcycle

Johnson explained the Sheriff's Department Motorcycle Unit consists of one motorcycle that is owned by the department and three that are leased. The current five-year lease agreement is expiring in April 2012. A new lease contract went out for bid resulting in only one bid response, which was \$105 higher than the current lease amount. The department has determined it would be more feasible, in an effort to keep ongoing costs down, to purchase another motorcycle and only lease two. This ordinance appropriates \$15,337 of general fund balance which was generated from the sale of two motorcycles in 2010 (\$8,200) and donated funds (\$7,137).

Falstad asked about the extent of use for motorcycles in Wisconsin's climate. Severson stated that although the motorcycles are not used year round, there is a significant fuel cost savings when used in place of squad cars. The motorcycles are assigned to deputies for patrolling districts on a regular basis. Motorcycles are also utilized for ceremonial uses (parades), escorts for charity rides, and Presidential Protective Detail in cooperation with the Secret Service.

In response to Tortomasi's question, Severson stated that all of the Sheriff's Department motorcycles are Harley Davidson brand.

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Wimmer to approve Ordinance 166-O-094. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 166-O-095: Accept Joint Federal Justice Assistance Grant And Modify Waukesha County Sheriff Department's 2012 Budget To Authorize Grant Expenditures

Johnson stated this ordinance appropriates \$6,236 of Edward Byrne Justice Assistance grant funding into the Sheriff's Department 2012 budget. The funding would be used to purchase additional safety equipment including ballistic plates for the Tactical Enforcement Unit, gun clearing traps and child fingerprint kits.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Decker to approve Ordinance 166-O- 095. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 166-O-096: Amend 2012 Sheriff's Department Budget For The Expenditure Of Seized Funds To Participating Agencies In February 2012

Johnson reviewed this ordinance which appropriates \$13,751 into the Sheriff's Department 2012 budget. The funds would be dispersed to participating Metro Drug Unit police agencies based upon their participation status at the time of each seizure, as detailed in the fiscal note.

Tortomasi inquired about the balance of the Sheriff's Department seized funds. Johnson estimated the current balance to be approximately \$300,000.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Falstad to approve Ordinance 166-O-96. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislative Update

Spaeth provided an update on current pending legislation in Madison, including bills affecting pothole liability, Family Care, and comprehensive planning. Additional State budget cuts were made in Youth Aids and Water Management grant funding.

Future Agenda Item

- Update on Smarter Sentencing Training

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Wimmer, to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried 5-1 (Falstad).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary